SOME EXPERT VIEWS ON BASEBALL AND RACING

COMISKEY'S HITLESS CHAMPS TO FIGHT FOR SUPREMACY WITH CUBS' GREAT MACHINE

White Sox Will Go Down Murphy's Crew Has Set in History as Freak Pennant-Winner.

Mark That Will Take Years to Shatter.

The White Sox will go down in history | There have been ball clubs and ball as a freak pennant-winner-a team clubs; there have been pennant teams

could any team stand up against a

ting and bring home the runs by crashing wallops. They had to rely on a chine the National League has seen in few short singles, on nerve in getting around the bases—and on preventing the other fellows from reaching the sacks too frequently. Hence their whole campaign was one of coverler whole campaign who campaign was one of coverler whole campaign who shown, one way or the other, by the paign was one of ceaseless watchfulness and incessant strain upon their heads and nerves. They were also crippled by accidents to an unusual degree, and had to be continually tinkering with the daily line-up, a process which usually means disaster. Yet, handicapped by weak hitting, crippled by frequent shifts and accidents, they went ahead, brought down the other fellows week after week, and pulled in ahead after one of the most sensational finishes of many years. Give them credit! Weil, rather! The almost beyond imagination, and they battering. will live in baseball history as the Hit-

will live in baseball history as the Hitless Wonders—the slugless stars who won a flag.

The machine play of the Sox was less fascinating and less showy than that of the Cubs, for two reasons—the line-up was broken too frequently, and the huge superiority which the Cubs seemed to hold over all competitors was not so noticeable in Comiskey's machine. Many of the Cub victories were pitifully one-sided, and served only to show the extraordinary efficiency of the great, all-crushing baseball machine. The Sox, meanwhile, had to fight like tigers to win their games, and their machine-weak in the one great essential of batting, was reontinually receiving shocks and lasts. All the more credit to them, therefore, for the final victory—it was hard-carned, and never did a team have to labor harder for its laurels.

The Cub machine was faultless—fault-less in their follective power, fault-less in their follective power, fault-less in leadership and in execution. It was a triumph of physical power, a triumph of intelligent direction, and a triumph of selection in its personnel. After it was once completed, and the wheels trained to act in unison, it rolled over all opponents like the car of Juggernaut over all its devotees. So much for the machine-how was the machine prepared and set in motion?

When Charlie Murphy took charge of where he lost before:

Daring trades and overall wins games are with the way Erank Chance ran it did the rest. Chance was a born leader and a king of men. That's not believe the did to the way the machine was in their dedership and in execution. It was a triumph of physical power, a triumph of physical power, fault-less in their dedership and in execution. It was a triumph of selection in its personnel. After it was once completed, and the wheels trained to act in unison, it rolled over all competitive to machine was the machine was the machine was the head and see!

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and to finally win out on merit, nerve and actual baseball heroism.

There is buck, of course, in all base-ball campaigns, and that helps to make the game doubly fascinating. And this was the luck of the Sox: That day after day some one of their number-some one of those feeble hitters—would but in with the good, rousing hit, just when it was needed. One day, with two down and the bases full, it would be George Dayis who would spank the own and the bases full, it would be corgo Davis who would saank the ather. The next day, perhaps, Jiggs conchine would deliver the hit that on, and the next afternoon Isbell, ones, or Hahn would insert the one oble swipe when the swipe was wanted. The Sox won games with one and wo hits, just because that hit was no ene hit of the game that counted. And how they did take chances and lay the game! One battle with the thletics—an extra inning fight that as a whirl of excitement—was a samele. With men on third and, second, not one of the Athlettes out, and a ard hitter up, Jones ordered him to be ole. With men; on third and second, mily one of the Abblettes out; and a and hitter up, Jones ordered him to be eased—to take a chance on full bases with the hard-hitting Schreck coming, ast to take the long chance of a double day. And it worked, too, for Schreck it down into the infield, and the ball was transferred from point to point ike lightning. Then, in the Sox's half, he renemy tried to work exactly the ame triels, and filled the bases, trusting to the same good fortune. Jones at mee took out the batter, substituted a leavy reserve hitter—one swat, and the ame was won! And in this fashion he Sox delivered goods all season, and y nerve like that the flag was won. Will that aerve and pluck win out in be last great struggle with the Cubs? Will that dauntless, theless energy vall against the great baseball machine nd its bristling armory of heavy hiters? Wait and see! Win or lose, it will be a gallant fight, and when it s over it hav well be said, "In such a deteory is glory and in such a defeat of disprace!"

By W. A. PHELON.

which won a banner on nerve, pluck and the absence of hits rather than the presence thereof. When the official averages of 1906 are footed up, it will be found that the Sox made fewer hits than any other club in the American Stockings team of twenty years ago; it was so in the time of the cld Detroits, to those few hits, than any other team. It will also be found that the Sox made fewer long drives, for extra bases, than Boston was the only team that ever any other club, and the wonder will grow apace as to how they did it.

Boston was the only team that ever happened, and then the baseball world went crazy over the inimitable Orioles. The Cubs won out on the face of the records as well as the machine-like perfection of play which they developed to so wenderful a degree. They lead the National League in batting, extra bases, stolen bases, and fielding. How the National League in batting, extra bases, stolen bases, and fielding. How were the Boston Americans, who downed them. Then came the era of adulation for the New York Glants, and now it is the turn of the Chicago Cubs. Many teams have come and gone and club that had reached topnotch perfection in each and every department of cago uniform, but the Cubs of 1906 is the the game, and, in addition, carried a first team to bring home the National staff of pitchers, such as few other teams, have ever boasted? The only ficient warrant of their quality. They wonder, judging by the face of the re-turns, is that the Cubs lost as many with the largest number of victories as fen games on the entire season. But ever accredited to a champion team, it was far different with the Sox. There was a team which didn't have a 300 games so high that it does not seem batter nor a long-distance slugger on possible for any team to ever reach it. Its list. There was a team that had to win games by dash and nerve, and present Cubs will be sleeping in the which had to develop team-play and thurch yard years before that mark is touched again. And this much is sure— Daralleled degree. the Chicago Cubs are the most re-The Sex had no burly bitters to step markable, most highly finished, and

Give them credit! Well, rather! The machine wouldn't break or falter, and work they did bordered on the impos- because they simply broke down all re-The feats they performed were sistance by sheer force and systematic

The Cub machine was faultless-fault-

a flag. He also had an Al ball club to work with-a club that Frank Selee had built up superbly, and which was firstclass material, lacking only a few things

to make it a champion then and there.

Murphy and Frank Chance consulted; business. Then they went out to get the men they had resolved to secure, and they secured them-got them through trades and deals the like of which the baseball world had never seen McCarthy-and ball tossers to secure one surly and unwilling word: r! The press and public averred that Murphy was the E. Z. Mark of basebail history, and that he didn't know a ball player from a clam. And the result? Compare the standings of the Brooklyn and Chicago teams. Note the work done by James Sheckard since he has Joined the Chileago team. Sheckard was at heart no sulker and no received proper treatment, and when he got what was coming to him he blossomed out like a spring rose.

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And the results another answer. Frank Chance, captain, manager, first baseman, king of played every week, and enjoy it. That it is more interesting to the spectation on the plate declares these posts were never near Brown's line. The himself as anxious to challeng and continued of the chirt is said of william B. Norman, the actives more variety and gives ever pipyer participation in the various features of the sport. The old game had concentrated upon thing old stone pillars. The inscription on the plate declares these posts were never near Brown's line. The himself as anxious to challeng old stone pillars. The inscription on the plate declares these posts of the York afternoon, the local eleven crossing the goal line three times, while the visitors and now presented by the city and the reverse of a youth, who has a leftig way to go before being Oslerized. Chance, captain, manager, first baseman, king of the later of week, and enjoy it. That it is more interesting, inassmuch to every seek, and enjoy it. That it is more interesting, inassmuch to reverse the original gate posts of the York afternoon, the local eleven crossing the squite well-and not the various of a youth, who has a leftig way to go before being Oslerized. Chance, captain, first baseman state of the hid every week, and enjoy it. That the man can do? Frank is immensu

CRACK BASKETBALL PLAYERS



CAPTAIN BONAVIERS AND MANAGER PROTT, Who Will Direct Champion Ordway Team, Which Last Week Decided to Enter the District Professional League.

Later on Murphy gave St. Beebe and Noonan for Jack Taylor, I was a deal that hurt at first-that is hurt the hearts of the fans-for Beebe

He always had a mania for baseball, halt the college football enthusiast on and took the first chance he could get the eve of trying out the new rules to become secretary of the New York adopted to reform the old gridiron ball team, where he gained vast practi-cal insight both of the business end of Present Game Unknown Quantity. before. Each of these trades was severely criticised, and the Chicago fans almost rose in rebellion over them. Murphy made it a point to let the clubs with which he traded think they had all the best of the bargain. He posed as a young farmer, just in for gold bricks, and, by gosh, anxious to buy them. He wanted Ilmpy Sheek. the game and of National League polibuy them. He wanted Jimmy Sheck- throttle almost before the sporting ard, a rebellious player, who had batted poorly and been of little use to the Brooklyn club. It was the opinion of what no other kid magnate ever did be-Chance and Murphy that Sheckard was fore-he has won a pennant the first a great ball player in disguise—or in disgust—and that he was the goods.

To secure Sheckard they handed out questions that any one might ask. He four men-Maloney, Casey, Briggs, and picked the players, and he made the McCarthy-and the whole baseball team deliver the goods. He is a sport, world reeled at the news. Four good a good fellow, and they all like him-ball tossers to secure one surly and that's another answer.

avail against the great havebald machine and in which the great havebald machine and the method of the great have been formed in the lossoomed out like a spirage great have been formed in the season of the great have well be said. The can be seen for the Sox, the great have been formed flowers in base of the formed flowers in base. The can be seen formed flowers in base of the formed flowers in base. The can be seen formed flowers in base been flowers to be formed flowers in base been flowers to be formed flowers in base been flowers. This great old war, the proper is a special production of the great have been flowers to be formed flowers in base of the flowers to be formed flowers in base of the flowers to be formed flowers in the great have been flowers to be formed flowers in the great have been flowers to be formed flowers in the great have been flowers to be flowe

BUMPS FOOTBALL

fornia University Says Game Can't Survive.

Declares That the English Game Is Better Sport for Both Player and Spectator.

troller handles.

Charles W. Murphy, the little man who holds the reins, was a newspaper reporter and a sporting editor for years.

Game."

This opinion, expressed by Benjamin ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, is sufficiently startling to

the side with the ball to make ten yards | Time of game-Two 15-minute halves. in three downs, and the rule allowing a forward pass can be established and known only when the proposed game shall have been played for considera-

"The Rugby game is being played all WESLEYAN AT derstood; the game is known to work; hundreds of thousands see the game played every week, and enjoy it. That

HARVARD TRIMS

Uses the New Formation, Tackles Over, Effectively. Large Crowd Pleased.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 6.—Only twice could the Maine football team make first down again Harvard this af-ternoon on Soldiers' Field. Neither of

Though the two chief features of the new game were not used to any great. These two flyers were to race in a extent they were very noticeable, as weepstake for \$5,000 side bets and a sweepstake for \$5,000 side bets and a purse of \$2,500, put up by the Brooklyn Jockey Club over at Gravesend, but the tackles back, which was so hard to event failed to come off, owing to the horsemen, etc., so that bonds and stock turning muddy within an hour least amount is distributed to the horsemen, etc., so that bonds and stock meet in the old days. Time after time, the right or left tackle joined his brother on the other side, and through this ther on the other side, and through this by virtue of the original conditions of the modern race track enterprises are in t the right or left tackle joined his bro the back with the ball would shoot like

The new feature of a down, when the forward progress of the ball is stopped, Great Cause for Regret. was also very prominent.

Pronounce New Rules Success.

In the first half, Burnham followed one kick for a gain of eighteen yards, which three-quarter-mile record of 1:11 2-5, resulted in a touchdown on the next with 147 pounds up, and Lady Amella, play. As an exhibition of the new rules the game was the best seen in Cambridge this year. Almost every one of the 10,000 spectators after the game, pronounced it the best, the most exciting, and interesting game of football they ing world will always regret. One thing had ever seen. The plays any novice sure, race track "bugs" will never cease had ever seen. The plays any novice could follow. There were frequent exchanges of kicks and plenty of fast brilliant pair.

The Line-Up.

Harvard. Position. U. of Me. Burnham.....L. E....Burleigh, Boyie Hopewell, Orr. Osborne L. T. Smith Osborne L. G. Hurd, White Surker, Fraser Center Rounds Kerstberg R. G. Ray Hoar, Pierce R. T. Matheas MagDonald R. E. Talbot, Shoppey Holary war and the hostilities of 1812 Miller. Harvard, '17; University of Maine,

Touchdowns—Apollonio, Lockwood, and Mason. Geals from touchdowns—Burr (2). Referee—J. Pendleton of Bowdoin. Umpires—E. G. Hapgood, of Brown, and H. Holton, of B. A. A. Timer—F. Wood, of G. B. A. A. Linesmen—R. F. Guild, of Harvard, and D. C. Moore, of Maine. Time of halves—15 minutes. Attendance—10 000.

President Wheeler of Cali- NAWY AND DICKENSON

PREDICTS CHANGE TO RUGBY Middies Open Season With o-o Game. Long Diagonal Kick Giving Ends Chance to Recover the Feature.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Oct. 6 .- A drawn

So much for the way the machine was In my opinion, the whole company will made great use of a long diagonal kick, made. And now-its coss and its con- within five years be playing the Rugby giving the ends a chance to recover the The line-up:

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 Davis (capt.)

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 Banks

 Norton
 Q
 B
 McWhinney

 Spencer (capt.)
 L
 H
 Frye

 Bernard
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 Skinner

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Referee—Mr. Gresham Poe, of Princeton. Umpire—Mr. Morice, of University
of Pennsylvania. Head linesman—Lieutenant Reeves, U. S. N. Linesmen—Mr.
Gilbert, Dickenson, and Midshipman
Simpson. Substitutions—Northeroft for
Ingram; Jones for Bernard: McCormick for Boynton; Demott for Dague.
Time of rame—Two Isminute halves



LADY AMELIA AND ROSEBEN TWO GREATEST SPRINTERS

Horsemen Deploring Fact That Question of Supremacy May Never Be Settled-Some Famous Match Races of Early Times.

By J. S. A. MACDONALD.

he match because she could not run on a soft cushion.

Then came the shift here to Brighton Beach, where the partisans of the two camps are at it every day, hip and spar. Undoubtedly Roseben, holder of the winner of fifty-two out of sixty-eight starts, are the greatest sprinters of In the colts' division I like Yankee Gun. modern times, and that the matter of This colt has been working extremely

fact of the greatest thoroughbred con-test, in point of the enthusiasm and in-.....Q. B....Minor, Sawyer
L. H. B......Farwell
Brimmer.
R. H. B......Higgins
F. Swift.
Metcalf.

Maino 6

1814. It was run down on the old Union race course, on Long Island, on the swerd. Four two-mile heats were decided, the contestants being the five-year-old American Eclipse, owned by C. W. Ranst, and Henry, a mature and courageous thoroughbred brought up

Enthusiasm Was Intense.

sons saw American Eclipse win. Comparing the population of New York in 1823 and in 1996, the match between Roseben and Lady Amelia should bring 300,000 enthusiasts to the railside did it create the popular interest wrought over the American Eclipse-Henry race. This is the only race of which the school histories speak. Union course was sixteen miles from the center of New York, and it was a long trip by stage coach, a circumstance which makes the present-day racegoers wonder the more at the enormous throng which included Aaron Burr, General Jackson and other celebrities of the times. After all, America has always been devoted the house received the control of the race, a circumstance which does not give the handicappers much time for definite consideration of the form.

The meeting about to open at Belmont Park will run until Saturday, November 20. After that, the two final meetings of the season hereabouts—at Jamaica and Aqueduct—come in succession. Among the other racing treats in store during the meeting are the

condition from riding to hounds. He eye artistic was put up. He lost the first heat, but Parvis won the next three and the match. Old DENNY DENIES BUILDING chronicles say the ominbus drivers about Fulton ferry and Wall street would not accept a fare from Purdy thereafter.

Origin of Horse Racing.

In line with the above it may not be amiss to recall some data of the turf in this country. Horse racing was in-troduced in America by some English cavaliers along in the eighteenth century, bringing here from Great Britain a collection of mares and sires of Barbary and Arabian strain, the first race bary and Arabian strain, the first race course ever laid out being that at York, near Charleston, S. C., 1740. Monday the crowds surging through the main entrance at Belmont Park to attend the opening of the annual autumn meeting of the Westchester Racing Association there, may observe, if they take the trouble, \$\sigma\$ bronze plate upon two crumbling old stone pillars. The inscription PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 6.—Brown bling old stone pillars. The inscription

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 6.-The chilly then it has been always money. experience of an October race meeting. American turf has grown and prospered within a stone hop of the cool gray faster than any other national institunese were near enough Harvard's goal ocean surf at Brighton Beach is just tion. When the current season closes to make them dangerous, and Harvard now being relieved by the warmth of about a month hence the Jockey Club won easily by 17 to 0.

Though the two chief features of the Roseben and Lady Amelia.

argument over the sprinting ability of reports will show the total admission receipts of the several New York race. ceipts of the several New York race

One of the most important juvenile fixtures of the Autumn will be run Mon-day at Belmont Park as signalizing the meeting's inauguration. This is the eighth Matron Stakes, of \$20,000.

The race will be run in two divisions First, the colts entered in the rich stake will contest for \$10,000 as the third race eligible in the fixture will fight it out among themselves as the fourth race. unremacy between them will not be well. Unless something unexpectedly infinitely settled is something the sport-formidable comes in the batch of added entries just before post call, Yankee Gun will be my choice as the championing one or the other of the He is a compact little son of Yankee owned by Oscar Lewischn, of Talking of match races recalls the Street, and trained by Johnny Hyland, act of the greatest thoroughbred con-

Yankee Gun showed well against De tense concern the outcome evoked in the public mind, occurred within a few a little finely drawn. Since the coming piles of Brighton Beach as far back as of cool weather he has taken on flesh and seems fresher and more willing than is his wont. With Martin up he will go well Mon-

day, while a nice prize is sure to be about him, too. There are sure to be several added starters, and no one can tell the exact complexion of the field of entrants until a few minutes the paddock under the spreading elms.

Pope Joan Looks Good.

In the filly division James R. Keene looks to have the winner in the filly Pope Joan, who was thought to be a certainty in the recent Futurity. She, too, like Yankee Gun, is better now than in the heated period of the sea-It is scarcely credible, but nevertheless true, that no fewer than 30,000 persons saw American Eclipse win. Combine an eligible but an improbable starter, sons saw American Eclipse win. Combine an eligible but an improbable starter, and the rules are owner of an

game with Dickenson, neither side scor-ing, ushered in the football season at the Naval Academy this afternoon.

It was the first time the game had been played under the how rules at the was the feat accomplished by Samuel SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 6.—"I do not believe the present experiment in American college football can survive. Naval Academy and the local team sional jockey engaged to ride American ways treating his stable hands to a din-Eclipse fainted from trying to make ner at which much popping of corks weight fifteen minutes before saddling is heard. Belmont Park is the premier time. The Northern side was in a race track of America, and just now Purdy, though a man of forty-eight out there is well worth the while of years of age, was wiry and in excellent the man or woman possessed of the

LIPTON CUP CHALLENGER

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 .- John Ward, et the shipping firm of Denny Brothers, of Dunbarton, builders of the cup challengers Shamrock II and III, arrived here on the steamship New York from

Southampton the other day. Ward denied the report that his coming might have something to do with the building of a new cup challenger for Sir Thomas Lipton, stating that

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